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REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are pending in the present application. Claim 1 has been amended.

No new matter has been added by way of the present submission. For instance, support for the recitations made in claim 1 can be found in Example 2 of the present specification. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

Oath/Declaration

The Examiner has noted that the submitted Declaration is defective. Specifically, the clause regarding "willful false statements" has been omitted. Applicants have submitted a proper Declaration herewith. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that this issue has been overcome.

Issues under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, because the specification, while being enabling for high molecular weight polymer products, does not reasonably provide enablement for a polymer of the required syndiotacticity having a molecular weight of only 500.

Applicants have amended the claims so that the lower range of the weight average molecular weight of the polymer is 25,000. The specification clearly supports this lower range as recited, inter alia, in Example 2. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that the amendment overcomes the outstanding rejection and that the rejection be removed.

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CONCLUSION

A full and complete response has been made to all issues as cited in the Office Action. Applicants have taken substantial steps in efforts to advance prosecution of the present application. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance issue for the present case.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Chad M. Rink (Reg. No. 58,258) at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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